

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application. The claims in general are amended for one or more non-statutory reasons, for example to correct one or more informalities or obvious errors, remove figure label number(s), remove unnecessary limitations, and/or replace European claim phraseology with U.S. claim language having the same meaning. The claims are not narrowed in scope and no new matter is added. Entry after final action is proper because the scope of the claims is not changed and no further searching is required.

The final Office action rejects claims 1-4 and 6-11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,525,454 to *Calon* et al. Applicant(s) respectfully traverse(s) this rejection. Claims 1-4 and 6-11 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over the cited reference at least because *Calon* fails to teach or suggest the discharge lamp being mounted in a fixation means provided in the opening of the reflector as recited in independent claim 1, and therefore also in claims 2, 7 and 8 which depend, directly or indirectly, from independent claim 1.

Specifically, as shown in FIG. 2, *Calon* illustrates a sealed end 22 of an outer bulb 21 being freely extended through an opening in a free end portion 8 of a neck 5 of a reflector 1 whereby the opening of neck 5 serves as a guide to an insulator body 40 accommodated in lamp cap 10. Insulator body 40 is provided with end portions 45 of connection conductors 43 for purposes of fixing current conductors 26 of outer bulb 21 to lamp camp 10. See, Calon at column 4, lines 46 to column 5, lines 30. Thus, *Calon* fails to teach or suggest fixation means 45 being provided in the opening of reflector 1. Moreover, *Calon* teaches away from a fixation means being provided with the opening of reflector 1 by teaching a use of cement to align and fix outer bulb 21 to the opening of reflector 1 is avoided with the use of fixation means 45 of insulator body 40 as taught by *Calon*. See, Calon at column 3, lines 60 to column 4, lines 10.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection of claims 1-4 and 6-11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

The final Office action rejects claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as over U.S. Patent No. 6,525,454 to *Calon* et al. Applicant(s) respectfully traverse(s) this rejection. Claim 5 is patentable over the cited reference at least because they depend, directly or indirectly, from independent claim 1 which is patentable under the statute as explained above. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of claim 5 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the Examiner withdraw the objection(s) and/or rejection(s) of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application to be in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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